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1. THE MEXICO CITY PRESS CONTINUES TO SPEAK HOPEFULLY OF THE REACHING OF AN ACCORD BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND STUDENTS. "THE NEWS" OF 10 OCTOBER LISTED JORGE DE LA VEGA AND ANDRES CASO AS THE TWO PRESIDENTIAL REPRESENTATIVES WHO HAVE BEEN HOLDING TALKS WITH STUDENTS AT A RESTAURANT AND AT THEIR HOMES. THE REOPENING OF THE SCHOOLS OF THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY (UNAM) WILL BE ANNOUNCED SOON, ACCORDING TO A STATEMENT FROM THE UNIVERSITY RECTORY. [redacted]

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2. THE TALKS BETWEEN STUDENT AND PRESIDENTIAL REPRESENTATIVES HAVE PRODUCED NOTHING THUS FAR, AND THERE IS LITTLE CHANCE THAT ANYTHING WILL COME OF THEM. THE GOVERNMENT'S ATTITUDE, AS EXPRESSED BY THE PRESIDENTIAL REPRESENTATIVES, IS ONE OF RESENTMENT THAT THE STUDENTS ARE STATING THEIR WISHES AS "DEMANDS". IN RESPONSE TO THE STUDENT DEMAND THAT ALL PERSONS, STUDENTS OR OTHERWISE, DETAINED SINCE 26 JULY BE RELEASED, THE GOVERNMENT HAS REPLIED THAT IT WILL RELEASE ONLY THOSE WHO ARE FOUND NOT TO HAVE COMMITTED ANY UNLAWFUL ACT. THE STUDENTS INTERPRET THIS TO MEAN THAT ALL LEADERS OF THEIR MOVEMENT WILL BE CHARGED WITH UNLAWFUL DEEDS SIMPLY BECAUSE OF THEIR INVOLVEMENT WITH THE MOVEMENT. THE STUDENTS INTEND TO HOLD FIRM ON THIS DEMAND. WITH RESPECT TO THE REMOVAL OF TROOPS AND POLICE FORM SCHOOLS STILL BEING OCCUPIED, THE GOVERNMENT HAS AGREED, BUT HAS STATED THAT IT WILL RETURN THE SCHOOLS WHEN IT IS CONVENIENT TO DO SO. THE GOVERNMENT HAS AGREED TO DISCONTINUE PATROLS BY SOLDIERS AND RIOT POLICE IN THE AREAS WHERE THE MOST VIOLENT DISORDERS HAVE TAKEN PLACE, BUT THIS THEY SAY CANNOT BE DONE QUICKLY, ONLY AFTER THE SITUATION HAS "NORMALIZED COMPLETELY." WITH RESPECT TO THE DEMAND FOR A CESSATION OF GOVERNMENT REPRESSION, THE GOVERNMENT DENIES

THAT ANY REPRESSION EXISTS, AND THAT THEREFORE THERE IS NOTHING TO CONCEDE.

ON THE SIX ORIGINAL DEMANDS OF THE STUDENTS, GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES INSIST THAT PRESIDENT GUSTAVO DIAZ ORDAZ RESPONDED TO THESE BY OFFERING TO OPEN A DIALOGUE WITH THE STUDENTS WHICH THE STUDENTS DID NOT ACCEPT.

3. A STUDENT BRIGADE HAS BEEN SENT TO MERIDA, YUCATAN, TO ENLIST SUPPORT OF STUDENTS THERE, AND ANOTHER BRIGADE IS BEING DISPATCHED TO THE WORLD YOUTH CAMP AT OAXTEPEC, THE STATE OF MORELOS, TO SEEK SUPPORT FROM THE YOUTH OF ALL COUNTRIES WHO ARE PRESENT THERE.

COMMENT: THE WORLD YOUTH CAMP, OPERATING IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CULTURAL OLYMPIC PROGRAM, OPENED ON 8 OCTOBER AND WILL BE IN OPERATION THROUGH THE PERIOD OF THE OLYMPIC GAMES IN MEXICO. YOUTHS BETWEEN THE AGES OF FIFTEEN TO TWENTY YEARS, FROM THIRTY-FIVE TO FORTY COUNTRIES, ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE ACTIVITIES THERE, INCLUDING EXCURSIONS TO VARIOUS NEARBY AREAS. OF THE TWELVE TO

FIFTEEN HUNDRED YOUTH PRESENT, APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED ARE FROM THE UNITED STATES).

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